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Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2003-329570 w/ English translation
Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 09-033423 w/ English translation
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Copies of the foreign references and a form PTO-A820 are attached.

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